

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**Listing of Claims:**

1-35. Cancelled.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~The animal litter of claim 1~~ An animal litter in the form of discrete plural particles, each of said particles comprising a compacted mixture, said mixture comprising:

(a) at least two cohesiveness agents in an amount effective to enhance the cohesiveness of the granules, wherein (i) at least one of the cohesiveness agents comprises a polysaccharide, and (ii) at least one of the cohesiveness agents is an ionic salt; and

(b) a corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate;

wherein the particles agglomerate when wetted and wherein at least one component of said litter tends to mask ammonia odors, wherein the corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate is an expeller-extracted corn-based liquid absorbent.

37-40. Cancelled.

41. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 37~~ A method for removal of animal waste, comprising:

(a) providing a container including an animal litter, said animal litter being in the form of discrete plural granules, each of said granules comprising a corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate and at least two cohesiveness agents in an amount effective to enhance

the cohesiveness of the granules, wherein (i) at least one of the cohesiveness agents comprises a polysaccharide, and (ii) at least one of the cohesiveness agents is an ionic salt; and

(b) allowing an animal to excrete waste into said container, whereby liquid from said waste causes agglomeration of at least a portion of said litter into at least one clump; and

(c) removing at least one clump of agglomerated litter from said container,
wherein the corn-based liquid-absorbent substrate is an expeller-extracted corn-based liquid-absorbent.

42. Cancelled.